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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We wish to express our view that the mandate of the Sanctions Assistance Mission (SAM), the post of European Union/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (EU/OSCE) Sanctions Coordinator, and Sanctions Assistance Missions Communications Centre (SAMCOMM) should continue beyond their current terms scheduled to end in June 1996.

The reimposition of sanctions remains a critical tool available to encourage compliance with the Dayton/Paris Agreement. It would be dangerous to the implementation process if the reimposition of sanctions was de facto untenable. For this reason, it is logically inconsistent to speak of a credible possibility of reimposing sanctions if on the other hand the major practical mechanism for sanctions compliance was dissolved, especially before the Dayton/Paris Agreement was fully implemented.

Although we would hope that sanctions would not be necessary with respect to a neighbouring State or any of the "parties" within the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, this tool may be necessary to encourage compliance with many aspects of the peace agreement and/or Security Council resolutions, including: cooperation with the war crimes Tribunal; and respect for freedom of movement, human rights and the right of return for refugees.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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